

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1.-8. (canceled).

9. (currently amended): A natural rubber obtained from a natural rubber latex in which glucans contained in the latex are decomposed, wherein enzyme treatment with an  $\alpha$ -amylase and/or a cellulase is carried out for the decomposition of the glucans, wherein only glucans which are non-rubber components are separable and removed.

10. (original): A rubber composition using the natural rubber as described in claim 9.

11. (original): A tire characterized by using the rubber composition as described in claim 10.

12. (currently amended): A production process for a natural rubber, wherein it is produced by subjecting a natural rubber latex to enzyme treatment with an  $\alpha$ -amylase and/or a cellulase to decompose glucans contained therein, wherein only glucans which are non-rubber components are separable and removed.

13. (original): The production process for a natural rubber as described in claim 12, wherein the enzyme treatment is carried out at a temperature of 70°C or lower.

14. (previously presented): The production process for a natural rubber as described in claim 12, wherein treatment with a surfactant is carried out in addition to the enzyme treatment.

15.-19. (canceled).

20. (previously presented): The production process for a natural rubber as described in claim 13, wherein treatment with a surfactant is carried out in addition to the enzyme treatment.